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SUBJECT: GOI PLANS TO UPGRADE COAST GUARD

- 1. INDIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR SHANKAR RAO CONTACTED U.S. COAST GUARD APRIL 12 CONCERNING REQUEST FROM NEW DELHI FOR INFORMATION ON ORGANIZATION OF USCG. DEPARTMENT OFFICER LATER TALKED WITH RAO ABOUT REQUEST.
- 2. ACCORDING TO RAO, EMBASSY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A SPECIAL SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS STATING THAT GOI IS EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING ITS ALREADY EXISTING COAST GUARD ORGANIZATION. LETTER ASKED EMBASSY TO OBTAIN AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON USCG ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION AND FORWARD IT TO HOME MINISTRY. LETTER ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF TRAINING BUT DID NOT MAKE A SPECIFIC REQUEST. ACCORDING TO RAO, THE LETTER SUGGESTED THAT GOI'S DIRECTOR GENERAL OF COAST GUARD MIGHT WANT TO MAKE AN ORIENTATION VISIT TO U.S. AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE. CONFIDENTIAL

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- 3. RAO CALLED AT USCG HQ APRIL 12 AND WAS GIVEN A VARIETY OF UNCLASSIFIED DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE OF THE SORT THAT WE HAVE GIVEN TO A NUMBER OF OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS FOLLOWING SIMILAR REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.
- 4. RAO TOLD US THAT GOI IS ASKING SEVERAL FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS FOR INFORMATION ON THEIR COAST GUARD ESTABLISHMENTS. KISSINGER

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